

THE SHELTON CHRONICLE

a newsletter for faculty and staff at Shelton

AUTHOR OF BEST SELLING BOOK TO SPEAK AT SHELTON

Midnight in the Garden of Good and Evil

All of the characters and sites that fascinated millions of readers since the best selling book was first published in 1994 will be brought to life when John Berendt, author of **Midnight in the Garden of Good and Evil**, speaks at Shelton State on September 23. The event, which is sponsored by the

college in cooperation with the Tuscaloosa Public Library, will be held at 7 p.m. in the Bean-Brown Theatre.

Mr. Berendt's appearance and lecture at the college is billed as one of Shelton State's Millennium Evenings, a project that will continue through 1999.

A reception honoring Mr. Berendt will be held immediately following the lecture in the Atrium of the college. Copies of his book, hardcover and paperback, will be available for purchase. There will also be an opportunity for people to have copies of the book personally autographed by Mr. Berendt.

Tickets for the evening are \$20 each and may be purchased in Shelton's public relations office, ext. 2221, Theatre Tuscaloosa, or at A Novel Approach Book Store.

*Looking for something fun? Shelton's Jim Kinney will review the book, **Midnight in the Garden of Good and Evil**, as part of the college's Bookbag Series on Tuesday, September 21, at 12:15 p.m. in the D Rooms near the Cafeteria. Bring a sandwich or stop by the cafeteria and pick up lunch.*

SHELTON RECEIVES NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION GRANT

Research shows that a large percentage of college physics classes taught in the United States are offered through two year institutions. Yet, until now very little national attention has been given two year colleges in their efforts to upgrade their physics curriculum.

All of that is beginning to change. Thanks to work by Shelton physics instructor Chuen-Chuen Fang, the college has received a grant from the National Science Foundation that will be used to adapt and implement a microcomputer-based physics laboratory (MBL) curricula that will enhance the present physics laboratory at the college. The grant will focus on promoting a quality education in science for minorities, such as

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Hispanics, blacks, and women.

The National Science Foundation grant will provide \$21,138.00 which will be matched by the same cash amount from the college. The grant was funded through the Advanced Technical Education Program (ATE) that operates through NSF's Directorate for Education and Human Resources by the Division of Undergraduate Education (DUE).

This technology-based physics assists students in understanding conceptual physics and stimulates group learning by encouraging students to interact with one another while performing their laboratory projects using microcomputers.

SHELTON ANNOUNCES PERSONNEL CHANGES

He may be going down but he's moving up! When Steve Coker moves from the third floor of the college to the first this week, he'll be moving to a new position that will require a great deal of work.

Steve has been named the new director of financial aid and federal programs at Shelton State Community College, effective September 1, 1999. Since 1997 he has served as the administrator and director of institutional advancement and federal programs at the college.

Before joining Shelton, he was superintendent of education for the Oneonta City School system from 1994-97 and superintendent of education of Conecuh County School System from 1984-94.

He holds a B.S. degree from the University of Mobile, a M.A. degree

from Auburn University at Montgomery, and an Ed.S. and Ph.D. in leadership and management from the University of Alabama.

MUSIC NEWS

Sixteen students at Shelton State Community College receive music scholarships

Sixteen students have received music scholarships for the 1999-2000 school year. Two of these students will attend college on privately funded scholarships from the community.

Gretchen Renee McGinnis has been awarded the first Billie Sue Brown Memorial Scholarship at Shelton State Community College. This \$2000 scholarship was established by Dr. and Mrs. Mark Brown through the Billie Sue Brown Charitable Income Trust and is awarded to an outstanding freshman majoring in music.

McGinnis, a graduate of West Jones High School in Laurel, Mississippi, enters Shelton State as a music major with an emphasis in voice. While in high school, she was listed in Who's Who among American High School Students in 1996, 1997, and 1998. She was a member of the band and color guard in high school and was a participant in honor bands at Auburn University and the University of Alabama.

Melanie McDaniel is the 1999 recipient of the Madel Pearson Scholarship which was established by the Tuscaloosa chapter of the Alabama Federation of American Music Clubs. A sophomore at Shelton, McDaniel is majoring in music education with a concentration in voice. She is a graduate of Tuscaloosa County High School and is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert McDaniel.

Jason B. Richardson, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Stan Richardson, is the recipient of the Joy Dendy Music

Scholarship, which is funded by the college and through memorable gifts. Mr. Richardson is a 1999 graduate of Open Door Christian School.

Other freshmen students from West Alabama receiving scholarships are: Jennifer Barnett, Holt High School; Brandon Baker, Thomasville High School; Stephen Box, Moody High School; Jennifer Diane Callahan, Tiffany Anne Higdon, Charlene Stanford, Juanita Taggart, Hillcrest High School; Kellie Jane Clay, Katie Lane Clay, Gordo High School; Matthew Hallman, Northside High School; Jamie Massey, Tuscaloosa County High School; Adam Sean McCain, Central High School; and Phillip Brady Wilson, Open Door Christian School.

LIFETIME LEARNING INSTITUTE ANNOUNCES SCHEDULE

All of Shelton's Lifetime Learning Institute classes will be offered on the Martin Campus this fall. There are no formal requirements for membership in the institute other than students must be at least 55 years of age and have an interest in continued learning.

Four computer classes will be taught this fall, "Surfing for Seniors," "Scanners for Seniors," "Introduction to Computers," and "Introduction to Windows." In addition classes will be offered in genealogy, flower arranging, archaeology, wellness, people relationships, and help for seniors. To register or for more information, call Cindy Harrell, ext. 3915.